

REMARKS

Status of the claims

Claims 1-60 are pending. Claims 1, 5-16, 18-32, and 34-60 are rejected. Claims 22, 23, 58 and 59 are objected to. Claims 22, 23, 58, and 59 are amended. Claims 1-21, 23-57, and 60 are canceled. No new matter is added in any claim amendment.

Allowable subject matter

Claims 22-23 and 58-59 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicants have amended claim 22-23 and 58-59 to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of these claim amendments, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the claims be withdrawn.

Amendments to the claims

Dependent claim 22 is amended to be an independent claim that recites the limitations of the current claim and the limitations in claims 1, 6, and 19 on which it depends.

Dependent claim 23 is amended to depend on the newly amended independent claim 22.

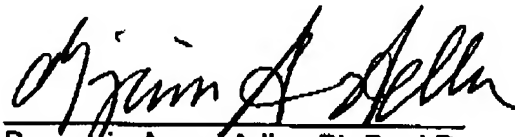
Dependent claim 58 is amended to be an independent claim that

recites the limitations of the current claim and the limitations in claims 1, 6, and 14 on which it depends.

Dependent claim 59 is amended to be an independent claim that recites the limitations of the current claim and the limitations in claims 1 and 47 on which it depends.

Respectfully submitted,

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